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"This year will go down in history. For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future"

This statement pretty much sums up and sounds like all the rhetoric that we are hearing from the gun control people abiding by their Moto "NEVER LET A CRISIS GO TO WASTE". I'm sure they all agree with the statement above and will rally around it. However it is important to note that the quote is from **Adolf Hitler in 1935**. We all know how that worked out for the citizens of Germany.

The Knee jerk reaction proposals that are being made concerning gun control are absurd. The individuals that commit these crimes are already violating multiple laws. Another law will make no difference. Disarming law abiding citizens will do nothing to avoid these killings. The individual in Newtown was hell bent on killing; if he couldn't get guns he would have used a vehicle or some other tool. Perhaps you have heard about a little incident in Oklahoma City. Should we outlaw diesel fuel and fertilizer!!!! It is already illegal for criminals to have guns so how will it help to make it illegal for law abiding citizens to have them. The crime rate was higher during the federal assault weapon ban than it has been in the decade since it expired. The localities with the strictest gun laws have the highest crime rates. These laws do nothing to take guns from the criminals. They simply let the criminals know the safest places to commit their crimes. Gun free zones do the same; they assure the criminals they will be safe in these areas. Our citizens have a responsibility to defend themselves. The concept that it is the job of the police to protect us is wrong. There could never be enough police to accomplish that.

Historically our armed populous has been a deterrent to invasion. It is a documented fact that during World War II Japan did not consider invading due to our armed population. Most of the citizens of Switzerland are armed and they have never been invaded. The 2nd AMENDMENT IS A MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY. I am sure that our armed citizens are a factor in preventing more terrorist acts.

IF YOU READ THE 2ND AMENDMENT, YOU WILL NOTICE THERE IS NO MENTION OF HUNTING!
Our Founding Fathers were NOT concerned with our being able to go deer hunting when they wrote the 2nd Amendment they were concerned about national security, both internal and external. The 2nd Amendment was intended to allow the people to have arms of the same technology as the military. If you read the quotes of Thomas Jefferson the reason for the 2nd Amendment was to protect all the others.

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." --
Thomas Jefferson

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect

themselves against tyranny in government."

— Thomas Jefferson

There are many other quotes from Thomas Jefferson and many other founding fathers that make it very clear what their intent was when they wrote the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Our legislators need to stop shredding the constitution. What part of "the right of citizens to bare arms shall not be infringed" is so hard to understand? Our governor's comment to the effect that public safety trumps the constitution is absurd. If he honestly believes that he is not qualified to be governor and should be impeached. Nothing supersedes our constitution. All of the current gun control proposals violate both the federal and state constitutions that our public officials have sworn to protect!!

Respectfully

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